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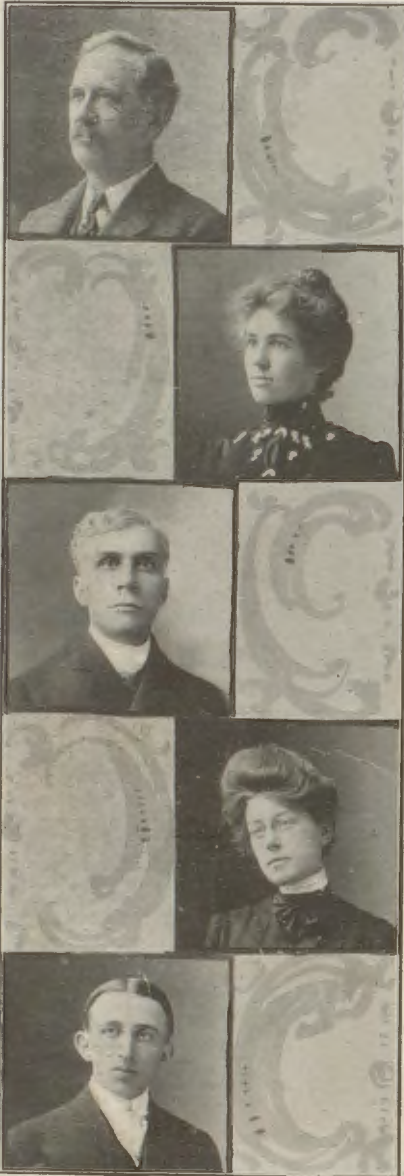
Laura C. George, Drawing.

Louise Hale, Librarian.

THE SEVOR



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William R. Daum.—Mr. Daum has placed us under lasting obligations to him for condescending to walk this mundane sphere with us. We snatched him up before some other greedy class should get him and have sworn to always "preserve, protect and defend" him with all the strength of our constitutions.

Calla Marie Hand.—Came as a "hand me down" from the mystic regions above. Later graduating from Grinnell College, and hearing that the wondrous flock of 1903 had come to H. S. rank she took up her abode here where she is said to have "handed it" to them rather severely at times.

Calvin Manning.—In all the height of his glory he shone like a diamond in the sky and then dropped to earth to shine here as our honorary member. We drink many healths to this loyal friend and go on our way with pleasant remembrances of his kindness.

Marie Isabelle Matson.—First displayed a "testy" temper a few years back when she deigned to bestow a haughty glance on this wondering world here below. After that epoch in American History, issuing forth a typical college girl from Mt. Holyoke she proceeded "noch einmal" to teach "Dummkopfs."

Bert Mahon.—The heavens thundered, the sea rolled and Bert fell to earth on April 27, 1885. Looking around him calmly he asked, "Any remarks?" Seeing the full portent of this we chose him as our senior President. Long may Antonio wave!

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Vera Armstrong.—First began to blush on March 29, 1884. Vera's "delicate sensibilities" are a source of constant trouble to her innermost thots. She will probably enter the Northwestern University next fall, there to continue her reign of popularity.

Lulu Aumack.—This gentle lass with manners "full sweet and coy" began her life on March 15, 1884. The various mirrors of our wardrobes have many times reflected Lulu's pretty fece and have as often allayed her haunting fears that her "hair looked just awful." Will she go to Halifax or Alaska next year? is our query.

Mary Bartley.—Born March 15, 1885. Her trials of Physics and History are nothing to "Tell" and if this pressing burden is not soon lightened, her friends fear that her sudden fits of despondency may at some time lead to serious results. She awaits whatever the future may have in store and lays no plans.

Dora Beeler.—Born March 13, 1883. Her calm serenity was never disturbed by any turmoils with schoolmates or faculty and she was always seen "tending strictly to her own business,"—this should be her epitaph. Dora will probably enter business college or teach next year.

Martha Berry.—Dawned upon this era December 3, 1884. When but a child she became thoroughly versed in the science of mathematics and has ever since been adding to her store. Next year she will begin dispensing with it in small quantities to the bewilderment and awe of her young prodigies of pupils.



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Louise Bigham.—Entered life's arena Aug. 10, 1882. Her quiet manners and silent tongue would have won for her the gold medal in deportment had any been awarded. If the old saying be true that "silence is golden" Louise will surely live to see herself a second Vanderbilt, and to this end we bid her godspeed.



Lelah Busselle.—"Our crowd" at Chariton hailed Lelah as an addition to its illustrious number on April 25, 1885. If she doesn't go to college next year she will return to "our crowd" and there live happily ever after.



Ralph Coen.—First found his voice on August 14, 1885, and later discovered that it improved upon longer acquaintance. 1903 graduates one and all will extend to him their good will and patronage when he becomes the world-famed lawyer he now promises to be. Wisconsin University is his destination.



May Cook.—Born Aug. 10, 1883. She will probably teach next year and as a reward of her industry and perseverance we can wish her no better fate than a trip to the "northern part of the state" there to re-enforce her time-worn anecdotes with fresher and yet more wonderful tales.



Fannie Cushing.—Born April 27, 1884. This demure maiden aspires to be a twentieth century woman with brawny muscles and robust health and as a true advocate of her calling she will fit herself for a physical culture teacher at Oberlin College.

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Pearl Dana.—Our class jewel was born July 6, 1884. Her pet aversion and ruling passion is a violent hatred of chemistry in all its attributes and connections. The Fates have not as yet marked out her path of duty for the future.

Bertha Evans.—Born August 21, 1883. She expects to be a guiding star to babes along the first approaches to the rugged paths of knowledge and will probably enter Drake University at Des Moines to perfect herself for her kindergarten work.

Alpha Farmer.—She began to begin to be Alpha on the 31st day of October, 1883. Her eccentric nature is exemplified in her lavish affection for bugs, frogs, lizards and other equally elevating specimens of life. She will spend the following winter in Nebraska but what her Omega may be we cannot foretell.

Sam Farrell.—Opened his innocent blue eyes on life March 8, 1884. Sammy has spent most of his time heretofore keeping his hair in apple pie order. He aspires to be a railroad man and will enter an office in Ohio next fall where he expects to be initiated into the perplexing mazes attendant on his vocation.

Statia Feehan.—Born Oct. 11, 1883. Thru the four years of her high school course she has been a fitting example of good behavior and propriety to her less favored classmates.



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Lena Ford.—Born April 1, 1883. Her actions up to this time have been in direct contradiction to the indications of her birthday for the force of no circumstances has ever startled her out of her calm and dignified demeanor. She has not yet decided whether to fit herself for a musician or a house-keeper.

Nellie Foster.—Came among her inferiors June 4, 1886. She is the baby of 1903 but she has endeavored to make up in quality what she lacks in quantity (of years), and to that effect has maintained a dignity distinctively her own. She has adopted the Woman's College at Baltimore as her Alma Mater and will enter there next September.

Hazelle Fry.—In a propitious moment the gracious Three sent Hazelle to our open arms. With mirth and laughter she lingers still and Nerissa of Merchant of Venice fame brightens us with her cheery ways in many a cloudy moment.

Ethel Gephart.—Made her first conquest on Dec. 31, 1884, when she completely won the heart of her father. Since then countless numbers of poor unsuspecting youths have been caused to appreciate the old story of the "spider and the fly" by sad experience, and yet unsatisfied Ethel will leave Ottumwa and her native state for Pennsylvania in search of new worlds to conquer.

Elfreda Graves.—This bonny lass was born on January 9, 1884. She will immediately remove to the wilds of Seattle, Washington, where she expects to spend her future days.

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Grace Grey.—On a 'grey' day, June 29, 1883, Grace descended on the wings of the morning. Soon making the acquaintance of Nettie they have lived in double blessedness ever since.

Myra Griswold.—Became the pet of her many friends on January 16, 1885. Has made one or two rather startling crushes during her High School career but has emerged from them quite unchanged. She will probably stay at home next year.

Robert Hale.—Had his truest and most lasting love affair on December 21, 1882, when he completely fell in love with himself. Since then at least one-tenth of his heart has been in the possession of some one or more of the fair sex. He will spend next year in Boston.

Ada Hall.—On the 27th of August 1885, this cherub smilingly opened her blue eyes. Since then that smile has won her many friends and with us she combined fun and learning and will go forth to Mt. Holyoke College with her full share of high school fruits.

Beulah Harper.—The fact of her own existence, July 5, 1884, was the first shock which the delicate sensibilities of this virtuous maid encountered in this world of impropriety. Since then she has been forced to undergo the same process many times but with all she has remained pure and untainted. She wishes to take up library work but has not positively decided yet.



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Susy Hartman.—First began to giggle on August 30, 1884. Hers is the unhappy faculty of always getting "caught" and Mr. Peirce's office has been the scene of many useless lectures. Susan Emma will continue to usurp her full share of enjoyment at Grinnell where she will enter next September.

Nelle Hedrick.—Life with its impenetrable mysteries and infinite curiosities opened for Nelle on the 16th of October, 1885. She has already solved many of its problems and impatiently awaits the greater ones of the future altho she is yet ignorant of what they are and how she may do them.

Ruth Hendrixon.—Our "Biddy" began to look on the bright side of life on June 10, 1884. The eyes show a moderate endowment of intellect and an abundance of good-natured fun, the mouth indicates determination while the whole face denotes strong will power. She expects to "teach the young idea how to shoot."

Henrietta Hills.—Has lived a passive and uneventful life devoted to the pursuit of knowledge. She will probably proceed to impart her share to other less fortunate beings.

Alice Hoaglund.—With the light of knowledge beaming from her eyes "Sweet Alice" came into existence on October 25, 1885. Her bright sunny nature seems to send forth beams of peace and happiness. She has chosen for herself the rugged road inevitable to the vocation of a teacher and has already received her position.

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Oscar Jordan—His "birth was but a sleep and a forgetting" to Oscar on Dec. 8, 1884. The propensities for love-making are not very strongly developed in this youth but time will tell and the alluring influences at Grinnell College may transform him from a punster to a gallant.

Gertrude Lynch.—Born August 17, 1884. It is reported that her first words were "Mater" and "Pater" and that even in her babyhood she could talk as freely in Latin as in her own native language. This abnormal condition may also have been the cause of her frequent sick spells. She will stay at home next year.

Malinda McDermott.—Entered life resolved to hold her own with the world on Nov. 26, 1881. She has been true to her purpose and as yet no one has been bold enough to encroach upon her well-guarded rights. She will continue to guard them against usurping pupils.

Edna McElroy.—In the year of our Lord 1885 on the 30th day of August "Portia" began her career as leading lady in the "Drama of Life." Her future success was assured at this first appearance and her recent triumph was only the climax of her popularity and renown. She will enter Grinnell College next year.

Edith McGowan.—Was born amid the green fields of the Emerald Isle on Apr. 8, 1834. "Irish's" happy-go-lucky nature is undoubtedly the product of her early environment and her extreme aversion to mathematics may also be laid at the door of her long suffering race. She will probably "rest" next year.



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Maud McIntire.—Born Nov. 20, 1884. Has always been a friend of all the girls and a sister to all the boys tho it is quite doubtful whether the latter relation will always remain as innocent and harmless. The Northwestern University will enroll Maud too as a second representative of the class of 1903.

Mary McNett.—Took up the duties of her strenuous life on August 26, 1884. She was fully armed with all the necessary equipments required for having a good time. Mt. Holyoke College, Mass., will be the shelter and defence of this wily maiden for the next four years "if she ever gets her work made up."

Elisabeth Merrick.—Born March 1, 1885. The Iowa College at Grinnell will claim "dieses Madschen" as its own for one year, while to Mt. Holyoke has been allotted the finishing touches of the final years. We predict a brilliant future for Elisabeth as author of Merrick's "Manual of Physics Problems for High School Students."

Grace Miller.—Born Feb. 23, 1884. She intends to join our brave and bonny band of teachers to "waste her fragrance on the desert air."

Alma Muller.—Our true German representative was born July 29, 1884. She is very reserved and exclusive as becomes one of her nationality. Cannot yet inform the world of her future plans.

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Elma Olney.—This "nut brown maiden's" birth is unrecorded. Her love for whispering at wrong periods has many times bròt down the wrath of teachers on her head. She says she is "going to get married."



Romie A. Ostertag.—Short but sweet. Renowned for her history outlines. Born Sept. 23, 1884. Married—(?)



Hallie Powell.—Born May 3, 1882. Our class genius. A very versatile youth. The following are only a few of his various accomplishments—a musician, a reputed composer, a critic, an orchestral leader, a scientific "shark" and a veritable lady's man. Chicago University will feel the weight of his wondrous personality next year.



Pansy Prewitt.—With natural piety and perpetual smile on the 25th of April, 1885, this ethereal being descended from the realms above. Her mind runs along professional lines and to be a doctor is her highest ambition. May she have many patients and may a few at least live to testify to her skill.



Katherine Rhoades.—She is a very strong worker in the Y. W. C. A. and will devote herself even more earnestly to this noble calling when she finishes her school work.



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Edith Rogers.—Born Feb. 24, 1885. Her unparalleled ability for putting her ponderously wise thots into words has always been the delight of her teachers and the wonder of her school mates. She has a stock of five-syllabled words prepared in order to pave her way next fall when she enters Oberlin College.

Hugh Slaughter.—Born Sept. 11, 1883. His extreme fickleness is his most deplorable characteristic and his weakness for new-comers and Preps (of the fair sex) is positively incurable. His present intentions are to pursue a "post" course at the Ottumwa Telephone office during the following year.

Maria Slaughter.—Fat and jolly Maria was born June 29, 1885. She is a girl of the old school mixing fun and pleasure with earnest work. She will take up library training next year.

Grace Slutz.—Born Jan. 31, 1885. Gentle, modest and studious she would almost border on the "goody-goody" type were it not for a certain stock of quiet fun which she possesses. She will accompany Winnie as chaperon next year at Grinnell.

Winnie Slutz.—The head of the family of fair sisters. Inclined to be somewhat flighty but kept within bounds by her sister Grace's restraining influence. A joint delegate of the Ottumwa Association which meets at Grinnell next September.

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Carrie Smith.—First startled the natives with the evidence of her strong lungs in Indianapolis on July 2, 1884. If Carrie can tear herself away from the Prep boys she will "stand for" one of the following colleges, (she hasn't yet decided which) Smith, Mt. Holyoke, Oberlin, Oxford, Grinnell, Iowa Wesleyan or Parsons.

Margaret Tierney.—Born June 23, 1884. She has been with the 1903's only a year but some of the intellectual atmosphere so completely surrounding them has been transmitted to her and she too "would a teacher be."

Gertrude Van Der Veer.—Born April 20, 1884. She is a very fair type of the fair maidens for which 1903 is famous but alas! we fear that this may be another case of a pretty face hiding a frivolous mind for we can say on the authority of Gertrude herself that "she doesn't know anything" (in regard to her future).

Ira Walker.—Our "wee, modest, crimson-tipped flower" was born August 31, 1884. He is one of those well known persons with a young body and an old head and has shouldered the burdensome business responsibilities of his class with smiling fortitude. He intends to work next year and will probably enter college later.

David Weeks.—On December 16, 1884 he entered life singing (out of the other side of his mouth). His voice and his handsome face will undoubtedly bring him success in the future.



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Harry Wheaton.—This "sweet floweret of the rural shade" was born Sept. 2, 1884. Harry's laugh will go thundering on down thru the ages and will ever be remembered as one of the 1903 peculiarities. Grinnell will be his destination and refuge for the next four years.

Virginia White.—Woke to smile on the world May 31, 1884. "Peggy" has had her time with almost every high school boy in her generation and is especially in her natural element at foot ball receptions. Has no future plans.

Effie Willard.—Born Sept. 15, 1884. During her friendship with Martha she has served as a check to the ardent emotions of the latter. Her future will be spent in wielding the birch rod.

Jeanette Wind.—Born Jan. 16, 1883. She and Grace will probably remove to the West Indies or Java and set up an old maids' hall apart from the noise and turmoil of the world.

Ruth Work.—First began to "toot" Nov. 6, 1884 and has continued to do so ever since, occasional "breaks" being thrown in to relieve the monotony. She will enter college next fall.

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1903.

CHAPTER I.

1. And it was deemed in one of the pow-wows of the tribe that the doings of the most illustrious class of nineteen hundred and three be set down on paper.

2. So in the month called January of the year one thousand eight hundred nine and ninety, a small part of our band appeared at the Adams school and were received with many sneers and marks of disdain, and under the careful guidance of the wise and learned Miss Griffiths and Mr. Ichabod Andrews, they began their course of learning.

3. In the month of September it was whispered abroad that a great and beautiful hunting land had been prepared for our tribe, and that a mighty chief called Pierce had come to command our allegiance.

4. And so, lured by much promise of fine things, the renowned class of nineteen hundred and three appeared at this Institution of Learning.

5. And the class did choose one Allen to lead them, who had a great task to hold the class to the great duties of life, for rumors of preparation for great feasting and drinking were going abroad, and sundry boys did obtain new clothes.

6. For the maiden named Foster had bidden us to come and make merry. And the tribe assembled and feasted till far into the night, and were much amused by the dirges extracted from the instrument of music by Hallie.

7. But such things had to pass away, and the Class, continuing on their way did lose their great leader, and a ruddy-haired youth named Jordan was chosen to succeed him, and under his wise direction we did reach the end of our first year's journey.

RALPH COEN.

CHAPTER II.

1. Now in the second year of their sojourn in the Temple of Learning they were called Juniors by all their brethren.

2. It came to pass about the time the leaves did begin to turn brown

and to fall from the trees, that members of the Class were all gathered together again to choose one who should preside over all deliberations of that great body for the year which lay before them.

3. And it so happened that the war-like son Ralph of the family Coen was chosen with due solemnity for this arduous labor.

4. Through all the weeks of the Fall and Winter did each one apply himself with more vigor and determination to his several studies than in the year which had gone before.

5. But alas, as the New Year one thousand nine hundred and one did draw near, were the frivolous minds of these youths and maidens athirst for some amusement wherewith to enliven the tedium of their school work.

6. After much deliberate consultation was it agreed that they should all assemble at the home of Ruth, surnamed Work, on the last night of the year one thousand nine hundred that they might watch the old year depart.

7. And it came to pass at this party not one of the large number of most wise teachers did appear to subdue the uproarious mirth of these unruly beings by their dignified countenances.

8. And sorry were those young people who did appear, for when they did taste of the cake which was provided did they feel their mouths burn and smart with the pepper thereof.

9. And they had much sport in the playing of diverse games which the noble youths had secured.

10. But woe be unto these same youths and maidens! And woe be unto the neighboring peoples, for they did wake them with their shouts and clamor.

11. And they were sore afraid to return to their several homes for alas! e'er they set forth, the first day of the new year had come.

12. And behold! again, when Spring was come, and it was nearing the time when all should separate for the summer season, they did hold another class party at the home of a fair young maiden known as Myra Griswold.

13. And lo! many youths, some from the number of Preps, some from the number of Middlers, and alas! some from the Seniors came around to the place where they were gathered.

14. And it happened that many of the maidens of the class were friendly to certain youths of this boisterous band.

15. And they did hand out to them much of those things which were made to eat so that the class were obliged to eat less.

16. Each and every one of the class was sent to his home with a little booklet, which was of pink and gray, and was entitled "Discarded," in which was contained the story of the class half-told.

17. Thus with gayety and mirth was ended the second year of High School work.

GERTRUDE LYNCH.

CHAPTER III.

1. And behold it came to pass that in the ninth month of the year one thousand nine hundred and one, the tribe gathered themselves together and chose a maiden from the House of Foster to lead them in their pursuit of knowledge.

2. And lo! the labor of that year was exceeding great and heavy, and the tribe grew weary by the way.

3. The youths and maidens both grew exceeding thin and their countenances became long and sad.

4. For that band, the followers of Peirce, were without mercy toward them and their backs were bent beneath their burden.

5. And behold the labor of that year was so exceeding great, that not until the third month of the year nineteen hundred and two did the tribe gather themselves together to make merry.

6. To the House of Griswold which is on a mighty hill did they go for this purpose.

7. And great was the rejoicing therein, for they did display bountifully both of things to eat and to drink.

8. And now did they begin to prepare to bid their brothers and sisters of the tribe of nineteen hundred and two farewell.

9. And for this they were exceeding sad, for great was their love for these departing ones.

10. And so, in the sixth month, the tribe of nineteen hundred and three did send and bid the tribe of nineteen hundred and two to come unto a great feast at the House of McNett.

11. And there was there a great rejoicing because of the beauty of the place and the richness of the food.

12. And also lamentations because of their great love for their departing comrades.

13. And for this feast did the tribe have an exceeding great bill to pay.

14. On the nineteenth day of the sixth month did they all gather and with songs and speeches of great length bade their beloved friends of nineteen hundred and two farewell, and they went on their way.

15. And on the twentieth day did the tribe of nineteen hundred and three finish their labors for the year which is callel Middler and with songs and rejoicing they left the Hall of Learning and went away exceeding proud because they were then Seniors.

ELLEN M. FOSTER.

CHAPTER IV.

1. And behold it came to pass in the ninth month of the year one thousand nine hundred and two, being the fourth year of the reign of Eugene of the House of Peirce, the tribe gathered themselves together on the Hill of Learning after long sojourns in far countries.

2. There arose among them a silver-tongued youth Bert, son of Alfred and Ella of the House of Mahon.

3. And the tribe was moved by the words that he spake unto them so that they deposed the fair daughter of the House of Foster and made him their leader.

4. And it happened in these days that the tribe waxed exceeding great and powerful so that the tribes round about them, the Middlers and Juniors and Preps called them Seniors, which is, being interpreted, the Best.

5. But alas! in the eleventh month their hearts were exceeding full of music and their humming was like unto the sound of a great swarm of bees, so that a fair follower of Peirce waxed exceeding wrathful.

6. And lo and behold! the leader of the followers of Peirce called together those who had sung and sent them with notes of great import unto their homes and their mothers.

7. And on the morrow, there was a great lack of youths and maidens in the tribe of Seniors.

8. And in the twelfth month of the year came messengers from a certain Prince William, surnamed Daum, and bade the tribe assemble on the nine and twentieth day to rejoice and make merry.

9. Therefore the tribe went with song and laughter to the House of Daum and loud was their lamentation when the time drew near when they must depart.

10. And in the first month of the year one thousand nine hundred and three, the time came when part of the tribe must depart from the Temple of Learning for other places.

11. And those whose lot it was to tarry a while bade them come to the home of Ada and make merry.

12. And when they departed they carried with them pleasant memories of rolling jugs and savory viands.

13. And in the second month the tribe gathered themselves together at the Hall which is called Fry's, and ate and made merry likening their actions unto the actions of children.

14. And in these days there was great sorrow among the tribe, for certain youths had stolen an abundance of food from the tribe which is called Juniors and the hand of the king was heavy upon them.

15. For there went out a decree that these youths should depart from the Hill of Learning until the king bade them return.

16. And lo! the time drew nigh when the Seniors must depart forever from the Hill of Learning and give their places unto those who came after them.

17. And in those days another Prince Calvin, of the House of Manning, bade them assemble at his castle, and therefore the youths and maidens came in the third month and played and feasted until the night was far spent.

18. And in the fourth month on the day which is called All Fools'

Day the tribe gathered at the home of Lena, surnamed Ford, and the meek and gentle ruler of the "Department of Physics," was sore ashamed of the love token of a fair Senior, whom we will call Smith.

19. And in these days there was a great weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, for the leader of the tribe of Peirce withheld from the Seniors privileges which had been given unto their fathers and their fathers' fathers before them.

20. And behold in the fifth month of the year, the Seniors gathered at the home of Susan, surnamed Hartman, and feasted and sang until it was time to depart.

21. And in the fifth month on the twenty-eighth day, the Middlers called the tribe to assemble at the home of Naomi and to join them for the last time in joy and merriment.

22. Therefore the two tribes assembled and there was an exceeding great multitude and the tribe of Middlers were like unto kings and queens in the treatment of the departing ones.

23. And they gave unto each a book called the "Argus" in which was inscribed the description of each and every member of the tribe.

24. And the tribe was comforted by these tokens, for they knew that their places would be well-filled when they were gone.

25. And now the days of their pilgrimage on the Hill of Learning grew exceeding few and even the clouds wept to see them depart.

26. And the members of the tribe grew sorrowful, for they knew that the time was drawing nigh when they would be scattered far and wide.

27. And the followers of Peirce, and the neighboring tribes were heavy of heart, for their leader was to depart with the Seniors.

28. And so with pleasant memories of dear fellowship one with another they went forth to new labors with brightest hopes for future glory and happiness.

ELISABETH MERRICK.

ANENT THE SPOON.

We regret to announce that the bestowal of the Spoon has been deferred until next September when the presentation will be made before an assemblage of the whole school at the chapel exercises of the first day of the school year.

SENIOR CLASS SONG. 1903.

I

Flown, flown on fleeting wings too swift,
 Flown are our school days full of joy,
Yet tender mem'ries that uplift,
 Remain to guide our future way.
Yes, tender fondest mem'ries cling,
 Of high school days, dear high school days,
Happy hours, dreamy hours,
 We'll sing lays of sweetest praise.

II

Through four short years of high school life,
 Oh nineteen three, dear nineteen three,
Parting at last perhaps for strife,
 We cling to thee, dear nineteen three.
Tho' 'tis for higher things each strives,
 Tho' 'tis a world of hope that 'yond us lies,
Our tend'rest thoughts will turn to thee,
 Thou dearest of all, class of nineteen three.

III

And now the time to say farewell,
 Soon, yes too soon has come at last,
Then looking backward through four years,
 Farewell to all our school days past.
Thru and beyond, beyond them lies our goal,
 To reach it class be striving still,
And thou school-mates of nineteen three,
 Farewell again, 'tis our last farewell.

—MARY MCNETT, '03.



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SENIOR---KNOW THY FATE!

The Oracle which holds the keys to the door of the mysterious future would fain "make the graduates some more trouble" and refuses an answer to any who will not search for the number corresponding to their name. It announces this condition as inviolable and closes its stern heart to all entreaties.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elisabeth Merrick. 2. May Cook. 3. Vera Armstrong. 4. Hugh Slaughter. 5. Dora Beeler. 6. Alma Muller. 7. Edith Rogers. 8. Pearl Dana. 9. Margaret Tierney, 10. Grace Slutz. 11. Malinda McDermott. 12. Ralph Coen. 13. Grace Miller. 14. Alice Hoaglund. 15. Edith McGowan. 16. Ira Walker. 17. Elma Olney. 18. Lena Ford. 19. Maria Slaughter. 20. Susy Hartman. 21. Oscar Jordan. 22. Nellie Foster. 23. Mary McNett. 24. Beulah Harper. 25. Harry Wheaton. 26. Martha Berry. 27. Lelah Busselle. 28. Ruth Work. 29. Elfleda Graves. 30. Winnie Slutz. 31. Mary Bartley. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 37. A "Harper" she. 48. Running a chicken farm. 45. A pugilist. 31. All "Wright." 46. Editor "First Slang Book." 35. Veterinary surgeoness. 15. O—o—o—o—o. 43. An Irish "Biddy." 47. Housekeeper. 44. Watching flies. 36. "Red Cross" nurse. 18. With Hallie. 49. Actress. 52. Redeeming "Pollard's Lost Cause." 19. Minister's Wife. 50. Champion woman athlete. 30. Still giggling. 27. Building air castles. 39. Dealer in "Hessian steeds." 5. Wielding the birch. 1. In double blessedness. 3. Rather "Chris—cross." 8. Not a lass, but a Lasser. 51. An angel (?) 13. In the social whirl. 17. Married. 32. Designer for the La Mode. 42. Proprietor of a Gum Factory. 15. "Irish" agitator. 12. (?) 10. Sitting as a model. |
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| 32. Sam Farrell. | 38. "Crutch" for crippled Latins. |
| 33. Edna McElroy. | 7. Miss Edith E. Rogers. |
| 34. Ada Hall. | 40. Deutche Lehrerin. |
| 35. Alpha Farmer. | 2. Principul of O. H. S. |
| 36. Virginia White. | 4. 609 Cleveland Ave., Chicago. |
| 37. Pansy Prewitt. | 24. My lady's maid (to order.) |
| 38. Gertrude Lynch. | 25. In Beulah land. |
| 39. Robert Hale. | 9. Disciplinarian. |
| 40. Effie Willard. | 33. Peddling "Blush Cream." |
| 41. Ethel Gephart. | 28. A nun. |
| 42. Bert Mahon. | 21. Taking the Rest Cure. |
| 43. Ruth Hendrixon. | 20. Gone to be a Cherub (bum). |
| 44. Bertha Evans. | 23. Clerking at "Brown's." |
| 45. David Weeks. | 6. A confirmed coquette. |
| 46. Carolyn Smith. | 34. Successor to Miss Vondersaar. |
| 47. Romie Ostertag. | 11. Advocate of Declaration of Independence. |
| 48. Hazelle Fry. | 29. Alas (s)! still. |
| 49. Louise Bigham. | 41. Missionary to Court of Edward (s). |
| 50. Fannie Cushiny. | 22. Underwaiter at Delmonico's. |
| 51. Nelle Hedrick. | 14. On the farm. |
| 52. Maud McIntire. | 26. Dancing teacher. |

THE WILL OF THE CLASS OF 1903

Know all men by these presents that we, the Class of 1903 of the Ottumwa High School of the county of Wapello and state of Iowa, being of sound mind and full age do make, publish and declare this our last will and testament, that is to say:

1. We give to the Class of 1906 the good will of the teachers which has always been bestowed so liberally upon the class of 1903.

2. We give to Helen Grotz, Georgie Wall, Willie House, Eunice Field, Stella Kennedy and Harry Gray the following prescription guaranteed by Maria Slaughter and Martha Berry to build up adipose tissue. The formula is as follows: 1 oz. of cheerfulness and 16 oz. of laughter dissolved in 8 oz. of talkativeness, to be shaken well and taken at the beginning of each period.

3. We give to Abraham Sax the undying gratitude of the Senior girls for his faithful services in carrying lunches and that he may perform the same service for the girls of 1904, we give to the said Abraham Sax a dinner basket corresponding in size to their appetites.

4. We give to the Middler girls Nellie Foster's comb that they may present the well groomed appearance which has always been characteristic of the Senior girls.

5. We give the Senior places in our Glee Clubs to the Prep stars that they may maintain the previous excellent reputation of said Glee Clubs.

6. We give to all future Astronomy classes the complete fund of information gained by the present class regarding bodies celestial and fun terrestrial.

7. We give to Willie McGowan the quiet unassuming manner of Miss Susy Hartman which in turn was bequeathed her by Ada Ogborn. We hope that the said Willie McGowan will follow the brilliant example of Miss Hartman and become even such a paragon as she.

8. We give to Raleigh Ream Hugh Slaughter's interest in the Kindergarten trusting that the said Raleigh Ream will be as successful in his labor of love as his predecessor.

9. We give to Bernice Davis the well-modulated tones of Hazelle Fry developed from the cultivated voice willed her by Blanche Baker.

10. We give Ada Hall's tender regard for Mr. Wetzel to Pearl Walker.

11. We give Vera Armstrong's modest blushes to Edna Rhodes with the advice that they be put into diligent use.

12. We give to Elizabeth Sampson Alpha Farmer's intense religious fervor as shown in her chapel devotions.

13. We give to Amy Simmons the small portion of salt remaining from the quantity bequeathed to Ethel Gephart by the Class of 1901 as the amount proved too great for assimilation. We trust that the bequest may have as marked an effect upon the said Amy Simmons as it has had upon the original legatee.

14. We give Rob Hale's Minnie to the small high school boys that they may have something to divert their minds through the coming years.

15. We give Mary McNett's contemplative and serene nature to Louis Hartson feeling that he is in sad need of said nature.

16. We give to Joe Fist Bert Mahon's executive ability with the advice that he strive to keep the school from falling into the decay natural after the departure of the said Bert Mahon.

17. We give to Roy Hammer Bertha Evan's graceful mode of locomotion that the said Roy Hammer may continue to be the cynosure of the admiring eyes of the girls and reproving eyes of the faculty.

18. We give to Ethyle Palmer Grace Slutz's repose of manner.

19. We give to Nellie Maddon "the ideal coiffure" combining Carrie Smith's artistic abandon with Lulu Aumack's punctilious neatness.

20. We give to Jessie Ryttenburg Ruth Hendrixon's literary ability that she may be the future authoress of the high school.

21. We give to Foster Morrell Oscar Jordan's well worn copy of "Watts on the Mind," his never failing guide during the four years of his successful and persevering pursuit of learning.

22. We commend Beulah Norfolk to Royce Dingerman for tender treatment having decided that Wheaton's trust has become a monopoly.

23. We appoint Miss Butler executor for the chemistry aprons, broken test tubes and other like appurtenances belonging to the Class of 1903 with the suggestion that she bestow Sam Farrell's chemistry suit upon Will Ramsell and Bob Hale's upon Willie House.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our name, at Ottumwa, Iowa, this 12th day of June, 1903.

CLASS OF 1903.

Signed—Edith E. Rogers,
Ethel Gephart,
Ira T. Walker.
Committee.

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THE FOOT-BALL TEAM



SEASON OF 1902.

The foot-ball team of 1902 was unfortunate from the first of the season and the strength of the team suffered materially from accidents and lack of interest. Notwithstanding the tremendous handicap under which he strove, Captain Jordan made the most of a green team and ended the season with a splendid victory over Mt. Pleasant.



Glue	Farrell (Mgr.)	Morrissey	Hartson	Wheaton	Stoltz	Baker
	Jordan (Capt.)	Hammer	Ramsell	Ream	Johnson	Dingerman
						Wilson

THE BASE BALL TEAM



SEASON OF 1903.

The base-ball team, like the foot-ball team encountered difficulties and was unable to play out the schedule of games on account of the big flood. However in the games played the team showed a pleasing disposition to "stick it out" and two games were pulled out of the fire by stirring ninth inning rallies. The infield was practically intact from last year and the burden of pitching fell to Captain West, an "old vet." The record of last year of four games won out of six played was maintained.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES.

April 18—Burlington 11; Ottumwa 8—at Burlington.

April 28—Fairfield 3; Ottumwa 4—at Ottumwa.

May 2—Cedar Rapids 7; Ottumwa 10—at Cedar Rapids.

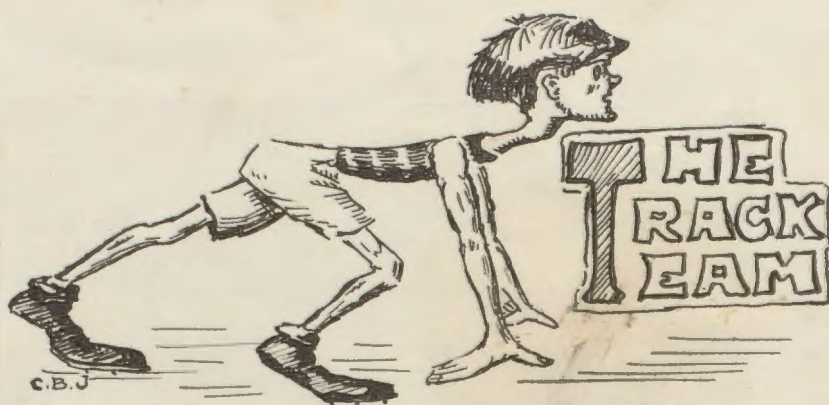
May 16—Burlington 9; Ottumwa 10—at Ottumwa.

May 23—Fairfield 9; Ottumwa 5—at Fairfield.

June 16—Alumni 6; Ottumwa 20—at Ottumwa.



Rime	Dingerman	Morrissey (Manager)	Miller	Ream
Hale	Mahon	West (Captain)	Swanson	Stoltz



SEASON OF 1903.

Iowa weather has no favorites and the track team suffered even more than the base-ball team thru the wet weather. A field meet was arranged with the Oskaloosa team but a heavy rain set in just after the team arrived which precluded all possibility of holding the meet. The home meet was held on two afternoons after school but weather conditions were unfavorable and no records were broken. Following are the O. H. S. records and their holders.

- 100 yd. dash—Christie, '02—10 2-5 sec.
- 220 yd. dash—Ladd, '01—23 3-5 sec.
- 440 yd. run—Christie, '02—55 sec.
- 880 yd. run—Christie, '02—2 min. 13 sec.
- Mile run—Christie, '02—5 min. 24 sec.
- 120 yd. hurdles—Birney, '01 and R. Ream, '04—19 sec.
- 220 yd. hurdles—Birney, '01—28 sec.
- Broad jump—Linton, '01—18 ft. 11 in.
- High jump—Hughes, '01—5 ft. 3 in.
- Pole vault—P. Ream, '02—8 ft. 1 in.
- Hammer throw—Linton, '01—110 ft.
- Shot put—Linton, '01—39 ft.
- Discus throw—Cheadle, '02—86 ft. 9 in.



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Hugh Slaughter.

Basses.

Royce Dingerman.

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